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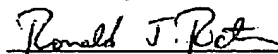
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment and Response be entered into the record and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 in this application. No additional fees are believed to be due.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.